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Comments on ICARS memorandum dated 15 Dec 1948

1. FBIB concurs in the assumption made that FBIB operations would increase as a result of the U.S. entry into war.
2. It is suggested that there would be many Government agencies who would have an equal interest in FBIB operations, in addition to the Office of Economic Warfare and the Office of Censorship.
3. It is felt that there are specific factors in planning for wartime operations which have not been given full consideration in the preparation of this paper, i.e., no assumption has been made as to the geographic area in which war may take place. Such an assumption must be made from an FBIB standpoint in considering their field operations.
4. While it is implied that FBIB will expand their operations, an assumption should be made as to whether or not FBIB will continue under their present charter or devote their efforts to new as well as old objectives.
5. Consideration should be given to the vital problem of communications in formulating wartime plans. An assumption should be made as to whether or not FBIB will continue to utilize the Department of the Army communication facilities in the event of war, and whether or not FBIB traffic will be given sufficient priority to maintain their present standard of operations. It should be assumed that CIA communications will be provided for FBIB between their field bureaus and their Washington office in the event that the Department of the Army cannot provide adequate communications.
6. Personnel possessing linguistic qualifications will be in great demand in the event of war, and it should be assumed that FBIB will have a proportionate interest in the recruitment of such personnel along with other Government agencies.

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